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February 21, 2004

Surface Transportation Board  
Case Control Unit  
1925 K Street NW  
Washington, D. C. 20423-0001



ATTN: Rini Ghosh

Re: Finance Docket No. 34284

Dear Ms. Ghosh:

In response to the Notice of Intent to Prepare and Environmental Impact Statement, I am submitting the following to be considered in the formal scoping process.

I believe Vulcan's proposed quarry and proposed SGR rail line, regardless of where the railroad is constructed, are connected actions and should be studied in the same Environmental Impact Statement.

I am an eighty-six year old retired pattern maker. I have congestive heart failure. I live with my wife of fifty-six years who is eighty-four years old. She has recently suffered a stroke. We are able to care for ourselves with some help from our children and neighbors. I am writing this letter because I fear the Vulcan Materials and a railroad it has created is going to ruin my property and what is left of our health.

I live on FM 2676 at the intersection of CR 353. The SGR plans to place a rail line on the adjacent corner of this intersection, less than 500 feet from my house. There will be 100 to 125 gravel trucks come down CR 353, which is a gravel road, each day when the quarry is at peak operation. Also, a four mile long train each day will go up and down the rail line across the street from us. This train will interfere with traffic on FM 2676 and cause a lot of dust, noise and vibration by Vulcan. Our doctors have ordered both my wife and I should get lots of rest each day.

The highway system had advised Vulcan to put an overpass so that traffic would not get backed up and there would be less of a chance for accidents and possibly someone being killed, but they have tried to evade these instructions and want to put in a grade level crossing on our busy road.

From maps I have seen of the proposed railroad route, my driveway to my machine shop and my rental property will be cut off by the railroad. This should not be allowed.

In closing, I have lived in Medina County most of my life. We are old, sick and too weak to move away from those that can help us and love us. Can't Vulcan find some other place to put this railroad, rail line and quarry.

Thank you for your attention to our concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Frank A. Fournier III". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "F" and a stylized "III" at the end.

Frank Fournier  
Rosalie Fournier  
With Sons,  
Frank Fournier, Jr.  
Richard Fournier

CC: Henry Bonilla, U.S. Congressman  
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Timoteo Garza, Texas Representative  
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